

## John 6:1-14 Jesus fed 5,000

**1** After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. **2** Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. **3** And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

**4** Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. **5** Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" **6** But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

**7** Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." **8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, **9** There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

**10** Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

**12** So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." **13** Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

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### Facts Revealed:

- † The Twelve Apostles had been sent out to preach the message of the Kingdom of Heaven, and Jesus had given them power to heal all manner of disease and sickness, and power to cast out demons. [Mark 6:7-13, Matthew 10:1-42, Luke 9:1-6]
- † Now they have returned and reported to Jesus all the things they had done and taught . [Mark 6:30, Luke 9:10]
- † Passover Feast is nearing. [John 6:4]
- † Now it is time to take a break in a place of solitude, away from the crush of the Multitude who were pressing in for their own needs so much so, that the Apostles could not even find time to eat. [Mark 6:31, Luke 9:10]
  - ✧ The place they selected was a wilderness place belonging to the city of Bethsaida. [Luke 9:10]
- † They traveled to the site by boat. [Mark 6:32, John 6:1]

### The Multitude followed on foot

- † When the multitudes, who knew about all the miracles Jesus had been doing, heard that He was heading to a deserted place by boat, they rushed on foot to meet Him at the point of His destination. [Mark 6:33, Matthew 14:13, Luke 9:11, John 6:2]
  - ✧ People were so eager to take advantage of Jesus Who had the ability to meet their physical need, they were not mindful that He Himself had a need for His own solitude.
  - ✧ The need and press of the multitude can quickly become overwhelming.

Out of compassion, Jesus ministered to the multitude

† when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, healed their sick, and taught them many things pertaining to the Kingdom of God. [Mark 6:34, Matthew 14:14, Luke 9:11, John 6:2]

◊ The demonstration of a compassionate heart is when Jesus had His own need, yet He placed the needs of the multitude ahead of His Own.

**Jesus fed 5,000 men + all the women and children** [Mark 6:35-44, Matthew 14:15-21, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:5-9]

† When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

◊ The disciples were realistic and knew that they had not planned for such a crowd so they had no food for them all, and it was getting late in the evening.

◊ They recommended that the multitude be sent away so they could find provisions for themselves.

† Jesus took this occasion to demonstrate His likeness with Yehowah of the Old Testament Who provided bread for the Children of Israel for 40 years in the wilderness when He brought them out of Egypt to the Promised Land, again fulfilling Scripture. [Psalm 78:24-25, 105:40-41, Exodus 16:4, 35, Nehemiah 9:15]

◊ This then becomes more evidence as to the identity of Jesus as Yehowah God of Israel.

◊ Jesus said, "They do not need to go away, you give them something to eat."

◊ There were only five loaves and two fish in the crowd. [John 6:9]

◊ Looking up to Heaven, Jesus blessed and broke the five loaves and two fish and gave to the disciples to distribute to the multitude.

◊ By looking up to Heaven, Jesus pointed to the source of the miracle, giving all the glory to God the Father in Heaven. [Mark 6:41, Matthew 14:19, Luke 9:16, John 6:11-12]

◊ Those that had eaten were about 5,000 men besides all the women and children. [Mark 6:44, Matthew 14:21, Luke 9:14, John 6:10]

◊ If there was only one woman and one child with each man, then the multitude had to number at least 15,000 people.

◊ From five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the multitude and after they were all filled and satisfied, there were still twelve baskets full of fragments that remained. [Mark 6:42-43, Matthew 14:20, Luke 9:17, John 6:13]

◊ The miracle demonstrated that Jesus had full support from the Father in Heaven and from the Holy Spirit.

◊ The people said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." [John 6:14, Deuteronomy 18:15]

† After Jesus fed the 5,000, the people wanted to take Him by force and make Him king. [John 6:15]